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Applicant(s): Steve Qi et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement to which the shortened statutory period for response is being extended one month to expire on October 28, 2002, Applicant makes the following election and amendment and submits the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 17 to 21.

ELECTION AND REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute the claims to Group I, with traverse with respect only to the claims that were collected in nonelected Group II. Claims 17 to 21 have been cancelled without prejudice to their subsequent submission as a part of a divisional application.